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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 06/28/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/21/03
BRO-FRY	167,981	164,091
LT HENS	1,606	1,615
HVY HENS	1,601	1,606

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 21-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	287	14	301
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	288	3	291
SAME WEEK YR AGO	402	0	402
TO-DATE/2003	6,402	100	6,502
TO-DATE/2002	8,220	38	8,258

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,851	1,610	3,461
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,861	1,657	3,518
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,105	1,517	3,622
TO-DATE/2003	47,796	33,868	81,664
TO-DATE/2002	53,723	33,389	87,112

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 21-Jun-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	159,714	1,564	1,596	3,160
AVG WT	5.12	3.48	8.24	5.88
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	158,742	1,573	1,654	3,227
SAME WK YR AGO	159,348	1,703	1,517	3,220
AVG WT	5.08	3.50	7.96	5.60
TO-DATE/2003	3,783,927	41,394	33,768	75,162
TO-DATE/2002	3,857,819	45,503	33,351	78,854

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.7 million head or 0.7 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 14-Jun-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	27,218	19,252	56,439
Avg Weight	3.82	4.76	5.84
% of total /1	26%	19%	55%

COMPARISONS

Last week	17,702	22,750	55,024
Avg Weight	3.75	4.64	6.05
% of total /1	19%	24%	58%

Same week, yr ago /2	33,870	21,275	50,248
Avg Weight	3.79	4.72	6.10
% of total /1	32%	20%	48%

To date/2003	586,908	558,104	1,093,982
To date/2002	706,172	589,044	1,131,040

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 21-Jun-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,003	2,872	67	31	4,973
AVG WT	15.59	36.35	24.78	29.71	27.79
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,100	2,812	83	7	5,002
SAME WK YR AGO	1,855	2,942	53	6	4,856
AVG WT	15.85	35.91	24.53	28.65	28.11
TO-DATE/2003	45,050	67,545	1,544	371	114,510
TO-DATE/2002	45,102	66,556	1,127	188	112,973

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.

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